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Mr. Michael L. House Manager, Remedial Projects Solutia Inc. P. O. Box 66760 St. Louis, MO 63166-6760

Dear Mr. House:

RE: Notice of Violation

Former Bulk Chemical Storage Area

Solutia - J.F. Queeny Facility

St. Louis, Missouri

EPA ID No. MOD 004 954 111

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As you are aware, the expedited risk evaluations have been submitted in order to resolve an outstanding Notice of Violation (NOV) issued by EPA to Solutia on September 3, 1997 for violation of its Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) permit. Specifically, EPA alleges that Solutia violated its HSWA permit by selling and/or leasing portions of its property without prior notification to EPA or the MDNR. The portions of the property which were sold and/or leased included the Former Bulk Chemical Storage Area, which is listed as a Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) and under investigation according to the terms and conditions of the HSWA permit.

The purpose of this letter is to notify Solutia that the issue identified in the Notice of Violation has been addressed by the collection of additional data at the Former Bulk Chemical Storage Area and the preparation of the Expedited Risk Assessment. EPA agrees with the risk



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If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact me at (913) 551-7719.

Sincerely, Afglian E. Klosh

Stephanie B. Doolan Project Manager

RCRA Corrective Action and Permits Branch

cc: Vin Journey, MDNR

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